

NINON DE L'ECLOS.

NOT AN ASSURING MARGIN.
The returns, which we spared no pains to give this morning as far as may be, show that the election went about as we predicted it would go, and substantially as we claimed our laymen that it had gone. The estimate bases the couple of thousand out of the way, and repudiation of every vote have raised to congenialism themselves and each other. They have in the legislature, surely republican by a small majority, and have rendered important service to the dairy and to the republican party of the country. The assembled assembly at Clifton, in one case, find something worth reading in the telegraphic line that tells the watchful ones that Oregon is good for a republican senator in addition to the one she already has at Washington.

But there is something more to think of than this on such a year as this, and this election teaches the republicans that they cannot lay back on the assurance that Oregon can safely be carried. There has been much hard work all through the election just closed, and still the majority is small. From a thousand to fifteen hundred is a safe margin, and there must be hard work again in the fall.

As on previous occasions Oregon will be a very close and a very important state in the presidential year, and this fact must not be overlooked. It has been shown by this struggle, and repudiation must act accordingly. Last presidential election there are not the numerous personal incentives to diligent work as in politics, and the task must be supplied by the most enduring and disinterested party work.

UNFAVORABLE FOR GUESSWORK.

The doubt we all feel as to the situation and possible outcome at Chicago is made more vexatious by prostration of the wires. It is probably a nervous prostration, brought on by a very excruciating. Whatever the cause is in an exciting part that just when this is then over the wires always "boy" on us.

At this writing—midnight—noting is known that was not known yesterday, excepting the fact that the Blaine man from Arkansas, T. C. Wall Clayton, was not made temporary chairman of the convention, in accordance with the arrangements of the national committee. What this signifies or does not signify cannot be conjectured farther than is explained in our editorial correspondence. This special dispute puts both the Blaine strength and the Arthur strength higher than any account previously sent, and leaves it to be inferred that the other candidates are not so much considered in the convention as they have been on the outside.

With the wire working badly and the possibility of a long-drawn-out session or guesswork. The facilities available to the labor of keeping up with the work are six hundred and forty delegates surrounded by twenty times as many additional officials and assistants.

John R. Lynch, of Mississippi, the temporary chairman who, died, Clayton, is a colored ex-congressman, a Negro of pure blood.

He is a clever, well-educated man of about 40, who was never a slave. He is well educated and a good speaker. He was uneducated in the Forty-sixth congress by Gov. James H. Chalmers, but held his seat in the Forty-seventh from the famous Shoe-string district. He is regarded as an Arthur man, with the probability that his second choice would be Sherman. His selection is an unlooked-for development with the possible purpose of keeping southern colored delegates away from Blaine. Four years ago the colored men were complimented by the preceding of B. K. Bruce of Mississippi for a short time, by being called to the chair by Mr. Hoar. Bruce is now a member of the Mississippi delegation. Lynch had an experience in the Mississippli legislature, was in Congress, and lacks nothing in the way of necessary parliamentary training.

NOT A GOOD BARGAIN.

There are some rumors on the Atlantic coast to the effect that the state department is negotiating with Spain for the purchase of the Island of Cuba. In all the special dispatches from Washington there is nothing to indicate that we have any to do with this, but rather that Spain has offered this island to the United States, so far as I can see, to satisfy the demands of the Cuban people, which may be had at such a bargain.

This is the argument of the Spanish government, which has been making a great noise in the way of necessary par-

liamentary business that it has been absurdly charged with showing a partiality to a divided world the monstrous doctrine of free love.

This doctrine, however, has been openly defended as well as practiced, by who's scolded men and women whose wrong-mindedness never originated in strong-mindedness, and who could talk as smoothly as a doctor of divinity about the sphere of lovely woman being to adorn and even social life; to assume the sorrows of lordship by her clinging tenderness and to amuse idle hours by her pleasing prattle and charming caprice. Among the feminine furies who never so much as assumed the ballot box, Nixon de L'Ecole assumed a prominent place. The most famous of the most notorious godesses of the age of Louis XIV, she is described in an article living in the city of Paris, Venus and the rest of a angel.

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